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1. IN COMPANY ARMY MAAG ADVISOR, I TOURED ASMARA THIS MORNING, VISITING TRACTS A, B, E, AND F. ALSO CALLED ON COL. FANTA, CO 2ND AIR GROUP AT AIRBASE, ON

PAGE 2 RUEOIAA0190 C O N F I D E N T I A L CMDR KIFLE, ACTING NAVY CO AT NAVY HDQS ON TRACT A, DROVE ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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2ND DIV HDQS AT TRACT E, ALTHOUGH UNABLE TALK TO CO2ND DIV,

AND VISITED JOHANNES IV AIRPORT.

- 2. NO SERIOUS DAMAGE FROM LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTING VISIBLE, BUT THERE ARE POCK MARKS ON WALLS. ADMIN OFFICER'S UNOCCUPIED HOUSE SHOT UP. SOME BULLETS RETRIEVED. AIRBASE AND AIRFIELD BOTH OPERATIONAL. THREE F-5A'S ON STRIP. ACTIVITIES AT ALL MILITARY LOCATIONS APPEARED NORMAL. CMDR KIFLE AT NAVY HDQS TRACT A (ADJACENT CONGEN COMPOUND) SAID INSURGENT ATTACKERS RELATIVELY FEW, ALTHOUGH FIRE HEAVY, AND NOTED DIFFICULTY HE HAD IN IMPOSING ANY FIRM DISCIPLINE ON HIS UNITS. ALL COMMANDERS DENIED ANY CASUALTIES.
- 3. CONSIDERABLE CIVILIAN ACTIVITY IN ASMARA. LARGE NUMBERS OF CIVILIANS LEAVING CITY ON FOOT OR BY BUS, PROBABLY RETURNING TO VILLAGES. MARKETS OPEN AND CROWDED. REASONABLE AMOUNTS OF FOODSTUFFS (VEGETABLES, GRAIN, FRUIT) AVAILABLE. MOST SHOPS CLOSED. ARMY PARATROOP, 2ND DIVISION, NAVY, AND COMMANDO POLICE PATROLS IN EVIDENCE PARTICULARLY IN MARKET AREA WHERE THEY PROBABLY REQUISITIONING FOOD SUPPLIES.
- 4. ATTACK DEMONSTRATED ABILITY ELF STRIKE AT WILL IN ASMARA. COMMUNITY BADLY SHAKEN. REMAINING AMCITS UNHARMED, BUT UNHAPPY.

PAGE 3 RUEOIAA0190 C O N F I D E N T I A L ALL HOPE OUR INCREDIBLE LUCK TO DATE IN CONTINUING ESCAPE CASUALTIES UNDER THESE REPEATED ATTACKS WILL CONTINUE. SHERRY

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